

The Green Years

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THE CLASS OF 1956  
OF  
ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
PRESENTS  
THE GREEN YEARS



FRIGHTENED FRESHMAN



Abington High School, Abington, Massachusetts



STUDIOUS SOPHOMORE



JAZZY JUNIOR



SUPREME SENIOR

## DEDICATION



ALICE M. GORMAN



JOHN A. GIANOULIS

### DEDICATION

We, the class of 1956, dedicate our yearbook to Miss Alice Gorman and Mr. John Gianoulis, two members of the faculty who have been the "guiding lights" through our "Green Years" here at Abington High.

Miss Gorman, familiar to all of us as a French teacher and librarian, has been much more than merely a member of the faculty. Many a time when a student was unable to find a book or write a sentence in French, Miss Gorman came to his rescue. At any time she willingly relinquished a few minutes from her busy day to give advice or help a student whether his problem was personal or academic. We especially wish to thank Miss Gorman for the numerous occasions on which she supported the students' view on a subject when others failed to recognize its value.

Mr. "G" has been the vice-principal, a teacher, and our class advisor during our stay at Abington High. In his French and Latin classes he provided a background of the foreign countries and their inhabitants and many minutes of merry laughter along with the language itself. As our class advisor for the past two years, Mr. "G" guided and aided us in all our projects and problems. Both in and out of school, he took a personal interest in and became a sincere friend of each member of the class, praising our good deeds and reprimanding our mistakes. Mr. "G" will always be remembered in our hearts as one of the most outstanding personalities of our high school years.

We wish to thank these two persons and all the faculty and administrators who have helped us to make our "Green Years" worthwhile and enjoyable, and who will in the future do the same for others.

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1ST ROW, left to right: J. Gianoulis, advisor, D. Bean, Business Editor, R. DeCoste, Editor-in-Chief, N. Cole, Literary Editor, D. Johnson, Class President. 2ND ROW: N. Piper, Art Editor, C. Doherty, Head Typist, J. Lydon, Sport Editor.

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1ST ROW, left to right: J. Patten, N. Cole, C. Doherty, D. Bean, R. De Coste, Editor; J. Lydon, N. Piper, D. Hoyt, A. Jenks. 2ND ROW: R. Greig, A. Clifford, G. Fliege, R. Nash, S. Dunlap, N. Collingwood, C. Davis, D. Johnson, C. Cheverie, D. Cheverie, J. Gianoulis, Advisor.



DR. ROBERT E. HANSEN  
Principal

## HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Graduation is a wonderful experience. For several glorious days one is the focal point of attention at home and at school. All is a vibrant hurly-burly of plans, preparations, and events. Suddenly all is still. The excitement has ebbed away and in its echo there remains a certain nostalgia, but more particularly there is tomorrow.

An Elizabethan poet once observed that "there are a thousand doors to let out life." What of this great expanse that lies before you--the unopened doors of tomorrow? Will you have the courage, the will and the determination to step firmly across the threshold into the unknown that is opportunity, or will you be satisfied to take the train of mediocrity and hope that opportunity will come aboard at some undisclosed way station?

Your are the youth of a remarkable era. In your lifetime man has harnessed the atom, engineered jet propulsion, made fabulous advances in medical science, and in a host of ways moved society along the road of progress. At each step of advance opportunity has sprung challengingly to the fore. But it lies beyond grasp unless one purposefully opens the door. Beyond lies excitement and adventure--the excitement and adventure that wells up from a challenge of talents.

In writing to a friend, Cardinal Newman observed that "growth is the only evidence of life". Not growth in the physical sense, but growth from which comes achievement. It is a value factor to which the alert will cling zealously, recognizing in it a rich and satisfying experience. It is a product of the recognition and acceptance of obligation. The Poet Milton said "every citizen has the right and the duty to make his own social effort. He is challenged by God himself to help in the great purpose of organizing a dignified and productive society." Does it not reasonably follow, therefore, that achievement rests on a foundation of obligation and duty--obligation to self and to society? Thus, man can stand with dignity only when he has exercised his talents and accepted his responsibilities to the fullest.

It is my hope and wish that you will open the door leading to opportunity with will and determination. This is strength. To follow any other road is weakness and leads but to frustration and is without reward.

When the 1956 edition of "The Green Years" reaches your hands, I will have completed my service as your Principal. I bring with me, indelibly stamped in memory, a rich and satisfying record of pleasant associations with student and faculty alike. I can but wish that success will mark your way, and that happiness will come to you in the same full measure as it has to me during my tenure as Principal of Abington High School.

GILBERT D. BRISTOL  
Superintendent



## FACULTY

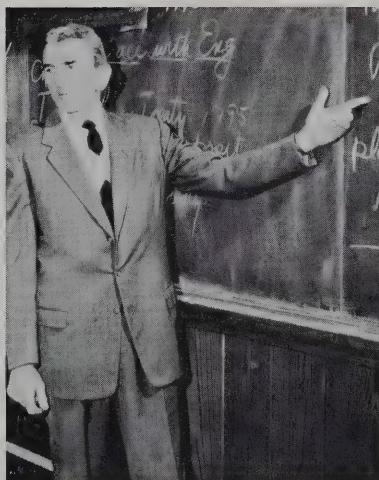
ANNIE CHADBOURNE  
English



JOHN BOLDUC  
Director of Guidance



GERALDINE CARSLEY  
Commercial



ROBERT DENNIS  
Mathematics



BERNICE HILL  
English

RICHARD MOREY  
Social Studies



FANNA ASHWORTH  
Art Department



JOHN A. GIANOULIS  
Vice-Principal, Latin, French



CAROLYN FERGUSON  
Commercial



SAMUEL GREGORY  
Biology, Physics



ALICE GORMAN  
French, Librarian



JAMES McCUE  
Mathematics, Chemistry



JUDITH BROWN  
Home Economics



WALTER PASTUSZAK  
Athletic Coach, Science,  
Mathematics



JOHN McCUE  
Social Studies, English



THOMAS DIVOLL  
Athletic Coach, Social Studies



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English



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Athletic Director,  
Physical Education



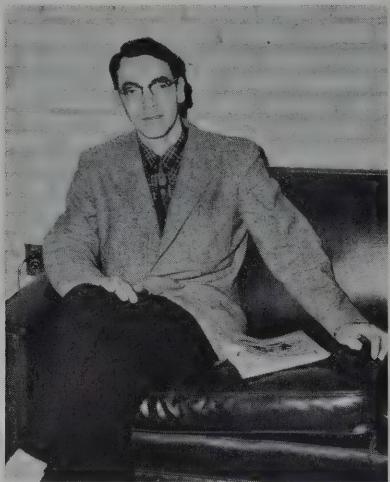
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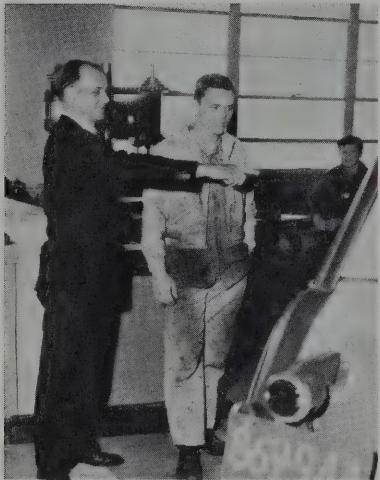
JOAN CUNNINGHAM  
Music



LEONARD BARROWS  
Industrial Arts



ROBERT Mc CULLOUGH  
Carpentry



ARTHUR GERVAIS  
Automotive



HAZEL MANSFIELD  
Nurse



Left, BERTHA ELLIS;  
AGNES CAHILL, Cafeteria



Left, JOHN SHANAHAN;  
JOHN SAMPSON, Custodians



GRACE DAMON  
Secretary



*Seniors*



DAVID LEE JOHNSON  
"Dave"

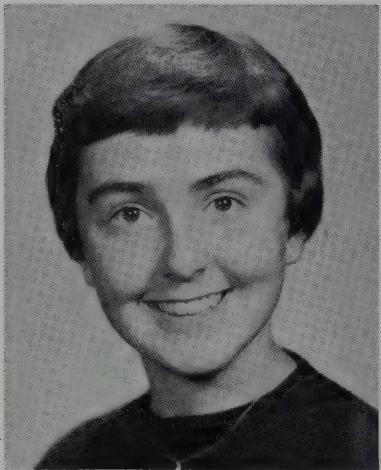
"The endearing elegance of female friendship." Debating Club 1,2,4; Student Council 3,4, President of Lower House; Akorn 2, President; Physics Club 4; Class Vice-president 2, President 3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3, 4.



DAVID WILLIAM BEAN  
"Dave"

"An honest man's the noblest work of God." Honor Court 2; Student Council 4; Honor Society 2,3,4, President; Physics Club 4, Vice-president; Boys' Choral Group 1; Yearbook 4; Class Vice-president 4; Track 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,4; Lab Technician 4.

## CLASS OFFICERS



NANCY JANE PIPER  
"Pipe"

"Her air, her manners, all who saw admired." Class Secretary 1,2,3,4; Art Club, President 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. Secretary 1,2, Vice-president 3, President 4; Student Council 1,2,3,4; Cheerleaders 2,3, Co-Captain 4; Girls Dean 1,2,3; Abhis 2; Field Hockey J. V. 4; Yearbook 4.



RICHARD STANLEY BRIGGS  
"Briggsie"

"As merry as the day is long." Student Council 4; Physics Club 4; Class Treasurer 2,3,4; Football 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4, Co-captain 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4.

LAWRENCE EUGENE ANDERSON  
"Larry"

"Choice word and measured phrase above the reach of ordinary men."

Honor Society 3,4; Student Council 4; Art Club 1; Science Club 2, 3; Physics Club 4, President; Dramatic Club 2,3; Student Court 1; Lab Technician 4.



WILLIAM DEXTER BALENTINE,  
JR.  
"Bill"

"They that govern the most make the least noise."

Student Council 4; Physics Club 4; Boys' Choral Group 4; Round Table 2; Football 1,2,3,4, Co-captain 4.



JOHN EDWARD ASHWORTH  
"Bird"

"A rolling stone gathers no moss."  
Art Club 1; Boys' Choral Group 1,4; Debating Club 4, Vice-president; Football 1,3,4.



SANDRA MARY BUTTERS  
"San"

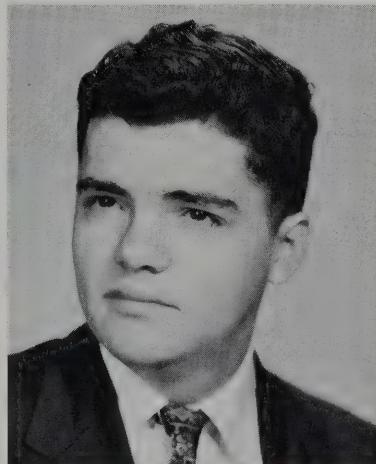
"How sweet and fair she seems to be."

Student Council 1,2,3,4, Vice-president; Grand Jury 3, Secretary; Junior Dramatic Club 2, Vice-president; Dramatic Club 4; Abhis; Akorn 2; Yearbook 4; Girls' Dean 2; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4.

RICHARD CHARLES BROWN  
"Can Can"

"Content to follow when we lead the way."

Photography 1; Boys' Choral Group 4; Band 1,2,3, Secretary, President 4.



CAROL ANN CARD  
"Carol"

"A witty woman is a treasure, a witty beauty is a power."  
Home Ec. Club 1,2; Teentimers 1; Science Club 2; Dramatic Club 2; Future Teachers of America 3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4.

**BEVERLY FRANCIS CHAPMAN**  
"Bev"

"So well to know her own, that what she wills to do or say seems wisest, virtuous."

Teentimers 1; Student Court 2; Junior Dramatic Club 2, President; Dramatic Club 1,3,4; Future Teachers of America 3; Glee Club 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4.



**DAWN PATRICIA JOAN CHEVERIE**  
"Bunny"

"With a smile that glow'd celestial rosy red, love's proper hue."

Teentimers 1,2; Home Ec. Club 1,2; Art Club 2; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4.



**ANNE MARIE CLIFFORD**  
"Cliff"

"After a storm comes a calm."  
Teentimers 1; Home Ec. Club 1; Akorn 2; Dramatic Club 2,3,4; Abhis 2,3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4.



**NANCY LOUISE COAKLEY**  
"Nancy"

"A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature."  
Teentimers 1,2; Home Ec. Club 1; Pen Pals 2; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4.

NANCY MARY COLE  
"Nance"

"Those gentle acts, those thousand decencies that daily flow from all her words and actions." Honor Society 2,3, V. P. 4; Student Council 4; Science Club 2, V.P.; Physics Club 4, Sec.; Teenagers 1; Abhis 4; Yearbook 4; Glee Club 4; Sec.-treas.; Dramatic Club 2,3, V. P. 4.



GAIL MARGARET CONNELL  
"Gee"

"In youth and beauty wisdom is but rare!"  
Teenagers 1,2; Home Ec. 1,2;  
Secretary; Akorn 2; Abhis 4; Dramatic Club 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4.



ELAINE CURRIE  
"Laine"

"Life is not so short, that there is always time enough for courtesy." Teenagers 1,2; Home Ec. Club 1; Dramatic Club 2,4; Akorn 2; Abhis 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4.



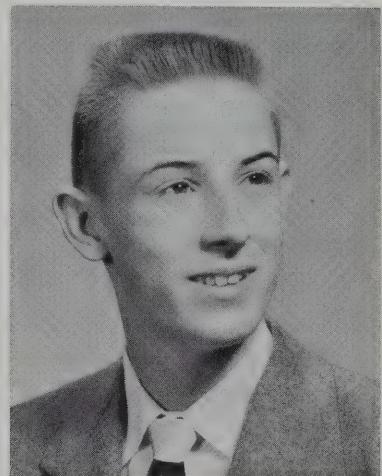
PATRICIA MARY CULLINAN  
"Pat"

"A smile is just a bit of happiness."  
Teenagers 1,2; Home Ec. Club 1,2; Akorn 2; Dramatic Club 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4.

NORMAN ERRINGTON  
COLLINGWOOD  
"Skip"

"From the crown of his head to the sole of his foot, he is all mirth."

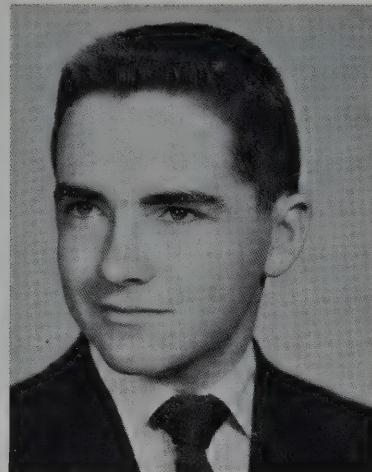
Art Club 1,2; Boys' Choral Group 1; Junior Science Club 3; Physics Club 4; Debating Club 4; Student Council 4; Radio Club 3,4; Basketball 1; Track 1,2,3,4.



KENNETH CHARLES CUTLER  
"Ken"

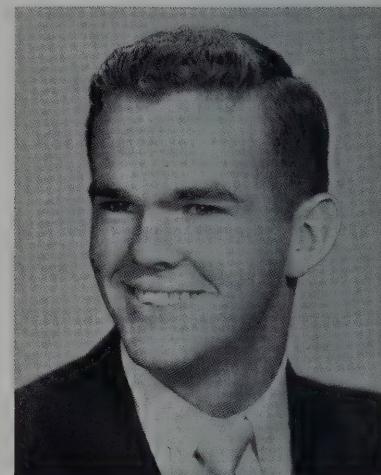
"Promise is most given when the least is said."  
Radio Club 3,4; Honor Society 3, 4; Physics Club 4; Baseball 2.

MAUREEN SHEILA DALTON  
"Moe"  
"With women the heart argues,  
not the mind."  
Teentimers 1; Home Ec. Club 1;  
Dramatic Club 2,3,4; Abhis 3,4;  
Akorn 2; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4.



CHARLES RICHARD DAVIS  
"Chink"

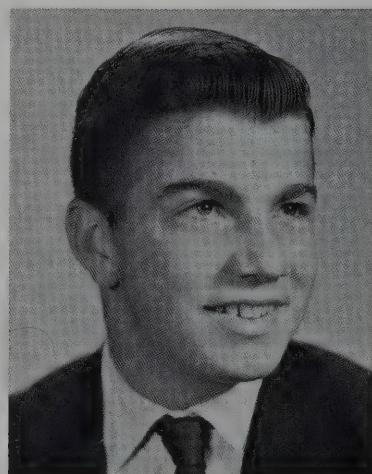
"His faults are such that one loves him still the better for them."  
Student Council 2,3,4; President;  
Honor Society 2,3,4; Choral Group  
1,2,4; Physics Club 4; Future  
Teachers 4, President; Class Pres-  
ident 2, Vice-president 3; Bas-  
ketball 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3,4;  
Baseball 1,3; Track 2.



RICHARD ALAN DeCOSTE  
"Harold"  
"Whose little body lodged a  
mighty mind."  
Student Council 1,4; Honor So-  
ciety 2, Vice-pres. 3,4; Honor  
Court 2; Junior Science Club 3;  
Physics Club 4; Boys' Choral  
Group 1; Yearbook 4, Editor-in-  
Chief; Football 1; Basketball 1;  
Baseball 2,3,4.



CAROLINE AVIS DODGE  
"Molly"  
"How sweetly sounds the voice of  
a good woman."  
Teentimers 1,2; Home Ec. Club  
1; Glee Club 1,2,3; Future Teach-  
ers of America 3, Treasurer 4;  
Abhis 4; Field Hockey J. V. 4;  
G.A.A. 1,2,3,4.



JOHN WOODBURY DENNIS, JR.  
"Wood"  
"An ounce of wit is worth a pound  
of sorrow."  
Boys' Choral Group 1; Teachers'  
Club Play 1; Football Manager 1;  
Track 2,3; Baseball 2; Basketball  
1,2,3,4.



CLAIRE ELIZABETH DOHERTY  
"Claire"  
"I hate nobody; I am in charity  
with the world."  
Teentimers 1; Art Club 1,2,3,4;  
Home Ec. Club 1,2; Glee Club 1,  
2; Yearbook 4; Basketball 1; G.  
A.A. 1,2,3,4.

STEPHEN T. DUNLAP

"Chief"

"How pleasant it is to have  
money."

Radio Club 1; President 2,3, V. P.  
4; Honor Society 2,3; Treasurer  
4; Boys' Choral Group 1; Debating  
Club 4; Physics Club 4; Football  
Manager 4.



MINNA JEAN EDWARDS

"Jeanie"

"Gentle of speech, beneficent of  
mind."

Home Ec. Club 1; Glee Club 1,4;  
Dramatic Club 2,3,4; Future  
Teachers of America 3; G. A. A.  
1,2,3,4.



MELISSA GAY EWELL

"Lissa"

"Reproof on her lips, but a smile  
in her eye."

Student Council 4; Home Ec.  
Club 3; Teentimers 2; Akorn 2;  
Abhis 4; Dramatic Club 2,3,4;  
Future Teachers of America 3,  
Secretary 4; Field Hockey 2,  
Manager 3, Captain 4; G. A. A.  
1,2,3,4.

GERHARD FLIEGE

"Gerhard"

"Such joy ambition finds."  
Boys' Choral Group 1,3,4; Dramatic  
Club 2; Science Club 3;  
Debating Club 4, Secretary-Treasurer;  
Physics Club 4; Future  
Teachers of America 4, V. P.;  
Basketball 1.



JAMES EDWARD FRANEY

"Jim"

"Saying and doing are two dif-  
ferent things."

Round Table 2; Debating Club 4;  
Science Club 1,2; Physics Club  
4; Football 2; Baseball 1,3; Bas-  
ketball 1.



HARRIET FULTON

"Harriet"

"Her smile is sweetened by her  
gravity."

Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Teentimers 1;  
G. A. A. 1,2,3,4.

MARY-JANE GRANT  
"M-J"

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

Teentimers 1; Akorn 2, Future Teachers of America 3; Glee Club 4; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4.



DIANE ELIZABETH HOYT

"Di"

"Devout yet cheerful, active yet resigned."

Teentimers 1; Dramatic Club 2, 3,4; Art Club 2,3; Abhis 2,3,4, Editor-in-chief; Glee Club 1,4; Future Teachers of America 3, 4; Student Council 4; Physics Club 4; Honor Society 3,4; Yearbook 4.



CARL BURTON HENRIKSON  
"Peanut"  
"Ask me no questions, and I'll tell you no lies."  
Football 1; Basketball 1.

ROBERTA ANN GREIG  
"Kit"

"And in short measures life may perfect be."

Teentimers 1; Home Ec. Club 1; Akorn 2; Dramatic Club 2,3,4; Abhis 3; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4.



CATHERINE CELINA HINES  
"Kitty"

"A good heart is better than all the hearts in the world."

Home Ec. Club 4; Glee Club 4; Dramatic Club 4; G. A. A. 1,2, 3,4.



PATRICIA ELAINE HOYT  
"Patty"

"The two noblest things, which are sweetness and light."

Dramatic Club 2,4; Abhis 4; Yearbook 4; Akorn 2; Cheerleading 3,4; Basketball 3,4; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4.

AUDREY LOUISE JENKS  
"Aud"

"Blushing is the color of virtue." Student Council 1,3,4; Dramatic Club 2,4; Abhis 3; Yearbook 4; Akorn 2, Secretary; Cheerleading 3,4; Basketball 3,4; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4.



WILLIAM S. JORDAN  
"Sloth"  
"As large as life and twice as  
natural."  
Boys' Choral Group 4; Football  
1,2,4.

ALLAN SCOTT JORDAN  
"Al"  
"God helps those who help  
themselves."  
Boys' Choral Group 1,2,3,4; Foot-  
ball 1.

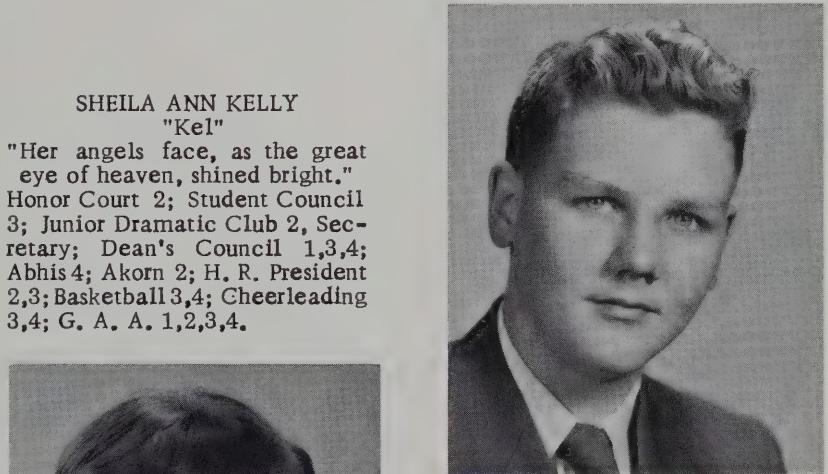


SHEILA ANN KELLY  
"Kel"  
"Her angels face, as the great  
eye of heaven, shined bright."  
Honor Court 2; Student Council  
3; Junior Dramatic Club 2, Sec-  
retary; Dean's Council 1,3,4;  
Abhis 4; Akorn 2; H. R. President  
2,3; Basketball 3,4; Cheerleading  
3,4; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4.



RUSSELL FRANK LAUBINGER  
"Russ"

"It is a great plague to be too  
handsome a man."  
Student Council 4; Debating Club  
2,4; Akorn 2; Boys' Choral Group  
4; Football 1,4; Basketball 1,2,  
3,4, Captain; Baseball 1,2,3,4;  
Track 1,2,3,4.



STANLEY CHARLES LAWSON  
"Stan"  
"Silence is deep as Eternity."  
Boys' Choral Group 4.

JUDITH MARIE LYDON  
"Judy"

"Charms strike the sight, but  
merit wins the soul."  
Student Council 1,2,3, Secretary  
4; Dramatic Club 2; Physics Club  
4; Yearbook 4; Akron 2 Vice-  
president 1; Cheerleader 2,3, Co-  
captain 4; Basketball 1,2,3, Captain  
4; Softball 2,3; Field Hockey  
3,4; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4.



DONALD E. MC DONOUGH  
"Duff"

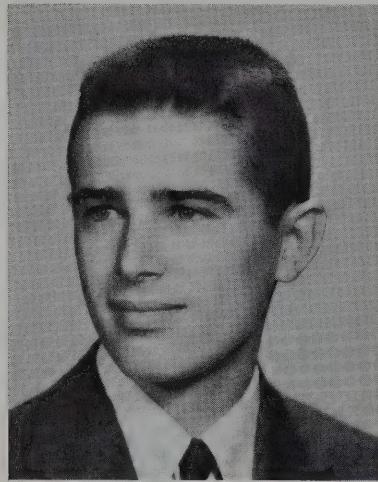
"Who can wrestle against sleep?"  
Physics Club 4, Treasurer; Debating  
Club 4; Boys' Choral Group 4;  
Football 1.



PATRICIA MARGARET  
Mc DONOUGH

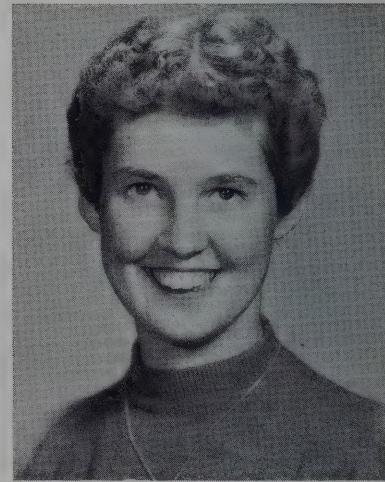
"Pat"

"She moves a goddess, and she  
looks a queen."  
Teentimers 1; Dramatic Club 2,  
4; Student Council 3; Pen Pal  
Club 3, President; Home Ec. Club  
4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; G. A. A. 1,  
2,3,4.



PAUL VINCENT MCKENNEY  
"Mac"

"Be silent, silence never betrays  
you."  
Abington Trade.



PRISCILLA NEWBERG  
"Cilla"

"I am sure, care's an enemy to  
life."

Teentimers 1; Akron 2; Home Ec.  
Club 1,2; Dramatic Club 4; Drivers  
Ed. 3; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4.

RICHARD LEE NASH  
"Slash"

"Beware the fury of a patient  
man."  
Science Club 3; Physics Club 4;  
Boys' Choral Group 4; Football 1;  
Track 2,3,4.

WILLIAM E. NEWTON  
"Newt"

"A nice, unparticular man."  
Honor Court 3.



ROBERT EMMANUEL NICHOLS

"Nick"

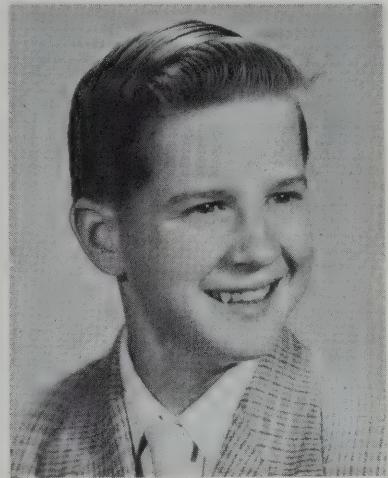
"Few things are impossible to  
diligence and skill."  
Abington Trade.

PAUL EDWARD NICHOLS

"Little Nick"

"A carpenter's known by his  
'chips'."

Abington Trade.



JEAN LOUISE PATTEN  
"Jeanie"

"Who mixed reason with pleasure,  
and wisdom with mirth."  
Student Council 4; Treasurer;  
Dramatic Club 2,3,4; President;  
Honor Society 2,3,4; Secretary;  
Glee Club 4; Vice-president;  
Teentimers 1; Yearbook 4; Class  
Treasurer 1; Cheerleader 3,4;  
Field Hockey 4; Captain, J. V.;  
G. A. A. 1,2,3,4.

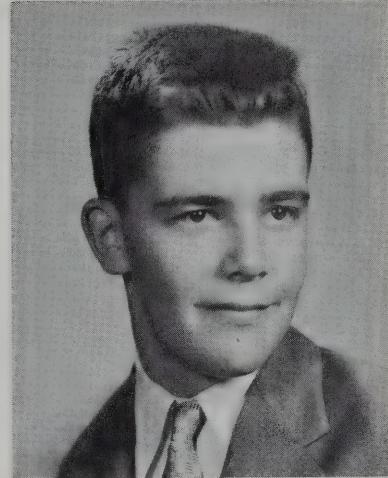


BARBARA ANN ORLOSKY

"Barbie"

"Moderation is the silken string  
running through the pearl chain  
of all virtues."

Teentimer 1,2; Home Ec. Club  
1; Pen Pals Club 3; Akorn 2;  
Dramatic Club 2,3,4; Glee Club  
1,2,3,4; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4.

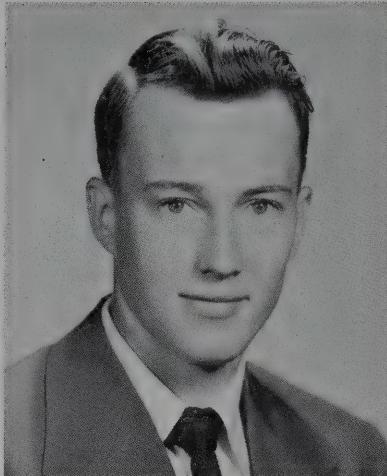
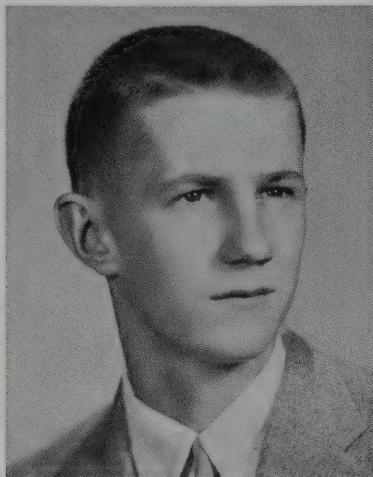


KENNETH RONALD PIKE  
"Ken"

"And panting Time toiled after  
him in vain."

Art Club 2,3; Boys' Choral Group  
4; Boys' Cooking Club 4; Foot-  
ball 1.

WILLIAM EDWARD POITRAS  
"Poit"  
"He was the mildest mannered man."  
Science Club 1; Boys' Choral Group 4; Football 1.



ROBERT BURTON PRATT  
"Bob"  
"To know how to hide one's ability is great skill."  
Abington Trade.

MERIEL JUDITH PRATT  
"Merrie"  
"Fine art is that in which the hand, the head, and the heart go together."  
Honor Society 2; Home Ec. Club 1; Art Club 1,2,3,4; G. A. A. 1, 2,3,4.



JEANNE ANN RICHARDSON  
"Jeannie"  
"A soft answer turneth away wrath."  
Akorn 2; Dramatic Club 2,3,4;  
G. A. A. 1,2,3,4.



JANET ANN REID  
"Jan"  
"Wise to resolve, and patient to perform."  
Home Ec. Club 1,2; Dramatic Club 2; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4.



WILLIAM F. RICHARDS  
"Bill"  
"A small degree of wit, accompanied by good sense."  
Homeroom Treasurer 1; Football 1.

JOHN FRANCIS ROGERS  
"Johnny"

"There is no wisdom like  
frankness."

Radio Club 1,2; Vice-president 3;  
President 4; Physics Club 4; Visual  
Aids 1,2,3,4.



JAMES WILLIAM SPILLANE  
"Jimbo"

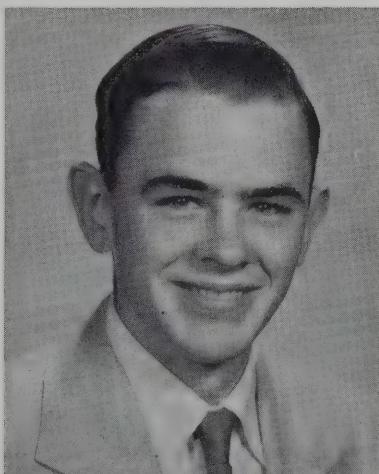
"And a woman is only a woman,  
but a good cigar is a smoke."  
Honor Court 2,3; Boys' Choral  
Group 1,4; Physics Club 4; Foot-  
ball 1.



CHARLES F. SWAN  
"Charlie"

"Might have gone further and  
fared worse."

Boys' Cooking Club President 4;  
Student Council 4; Football 1;  
Basketball 1; Track 2,4.



MARILYN EVE WALLENT  
"Marilyn"

"A rose is sweeter in the bud than  
full bloom."

Home Ec. Club 1; Glee Club 2.

MAUREEN ELIZABETH  
SHANAHAN  
"Mosha"

"She is great who is what she is  
from Nature, and who never  
reminds us of others."

Future Teachers of America 4;  
Dramatic Club 4; Field Hockey  
3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Softball 2,  
3,4; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4.



CHRISTINE VIVIAN WESTBURG  
"Chris"

"Music is well said to be the  
speech of angels."

MARCIA AVIS WHALEN

"Marcie"

"Silence more musical than any  
song."

Glee Club 1,2; Home Ec. Club 1.



ARTHUR L. KALINOWSKI

"Itch"

"He that is slow to anger is better  
than the mighty."

Boys' Choral Group 4; Football 1.

MELVILLE RICHARD WIGHT

"Wighty"

"The world knows nothing of its  
greatest men."

Boys' Choral Group 4, Secretary;  
Student Council 2; Class Presi-  
dent 1; Home Room President 1,  
2, vice-president 3,4; Football 1,  
2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Track 1;  
Basketball 1,2.



JEANNE G. SOPER

"Jean"

"Toil is the law of life and its  
best fruit."

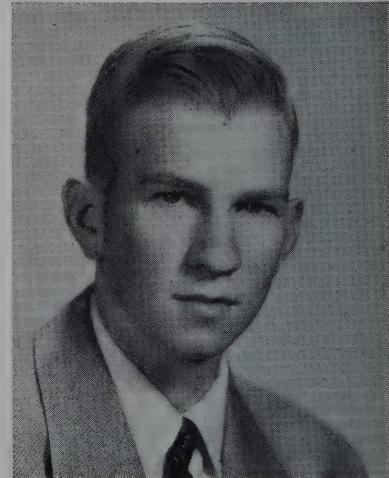
Teentimers 1; Student Council 4;  
Art Club 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2;  
Home Ec. Club 1,2,3, President  
4.

IDA LOUISE WILMOT

"I"

"To err is human, to forgive is  
divine."

Pen Pals 2; Science Club 2; Teen-  
timers 1; Glee Club 4; Abhis 4; G.  
A. A. 1,2,3,4.



FRANK BROWN WHITING

"Chickie"

"His saying was: live and live  
and let live."

Physics Club 4; Baseball 3,4.



# *Underclassmen*





1ST ROW, left to right: J. Freeman, C. Donovan, M. Johnson, J. Kelly, J. Hall, T. Ashton, M. Maney, J. Weatherbee, M. Johnson, L. Cheverie, M. McLaren, C. Swanson, M. Bush. 2ND ROW: J. Duncanson, C. Kendall, C. Shanks, D. Fuller, P. Hatch, M. Maney, L. Hunter, D. Hammond, J. Hanson, M. Crawford, J. Hutcheon, P. Smith, J. Alesio, C. Ferguson, Advisor. 3RD ROW: I. Peach, L. Tyni, G. Pike, G. King, J. Stonkus, N. Newburn, M. Richardson, K. Mc Carthy, A. Keliher, L. Pfyffer, B. Tirrell, N. Johnson, S. Meserve, B. Monahan. 4TH ROW: P. Noyes, D. Kalinowski, J. Macneil, R. Reynolds, B. Lewis, T. Bowser, N. Strom, E. Berry, L. Woodbury, J. Peaslee, A. Brown, P. Badger, A. Marcott, K. Olson, P. Wing. 5TH ROW: W. Freeman, R. Boynton, R. Sylvester, R. Swan, D. Mc Iver, C. Turner, J. Reilly, C. Gregory, G. Gervais, D. Cororan, R. Brown, V. Celino, D. Harris. 6TH ROW: G. Slinger, R. Andrews, R. Risbery, H. Small, J. Forrand, C. Omar, E. Tingley, R. Stimpson, P. Linquist, D. Peck, J. Whitaker, R. Baker, W. Reiss.

## CLASS OF 1957

Thomas Ashton . . . . .	President
Michael Maney . . . . .	Vice President
Joanne Hall . . . . .	Secretary
James Weatherbee . . . . .	Treasurer

Left to right: J. Weatherbee, M. Maney, J. Hall. Seated:  
T. Ashton.





1ST ROW, left to right: N. Field, M. Packer, M. Williamson, A. Taylor, J. Higgins, M. Cole, B. MacPherson, M. Keith, K. Ashton, J. Pond, J. Pike, L. Anderson, D. Furse. 2ND ROW: J. Pfyffer, John McCue, Advisor, D. Henrikson, B. Reiss, M. Curley, K. Carlson, J. McLellan, D. Smith, P. Richards, B. Corey, J. Johnson, M. Fopiano, S. Wright, J. Mackiewicz, L. Tower, R. Taylor, D. Hines. 3RD ROW: K. Kelly, E. Gavronski, D. Paige, V. Rowan, J. Doherty, L. Robertson, B. Blake, S. Shannon, J. Bean, B. Donovan, D. Kane, K. Doherty, B. Gaffney, M. DeCoster. 4TH ROW: M. Bettencourt, M. Sampson, S. Gervais, C. Pettee, J. Sullivan, J. Hoyt, J. Mahoney, C. Hutcheon, E. Christie, C. Olson, J. Dalton, A. Bailey, S. Sherry, D. Martin, N. Hill, W. Ball. 5TH ROW: A. Pfyffer, E. Beale, R. Fuller, F. Villa, P. Cobb, J. Corliss, T. Lambert, R. Nadolny, W. Pike, P. Holbrook, B. LaFerrier, W. Stephenson, T. Hines, J. Kelliher, F. Loud. 6TH ROW: J. Lucas, M. Peterson, T. Farley, W. Giniewicz, M. Bird, T. Morse, R. Hammarstrom, J. Winders, W. Hayden, D. Stephenson, D. Carmichael, R. Franey. 7TH ROW: R. Schutt, P. Flanagan, W. Smith, S. Mackiewicz, R. Burns, R. Beal, S. Frohock, R. Patterson, W. Curtis, J. Forrand, J. Nero, J. Counter, J. Anzivino.

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Michael Keith . . . . .	Vice President
Marilyn Cole . . . . .	Secretary
Kathleen Ashton . . . . .	Treasurer



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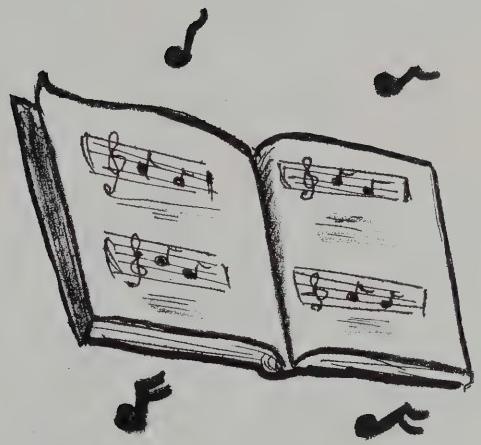
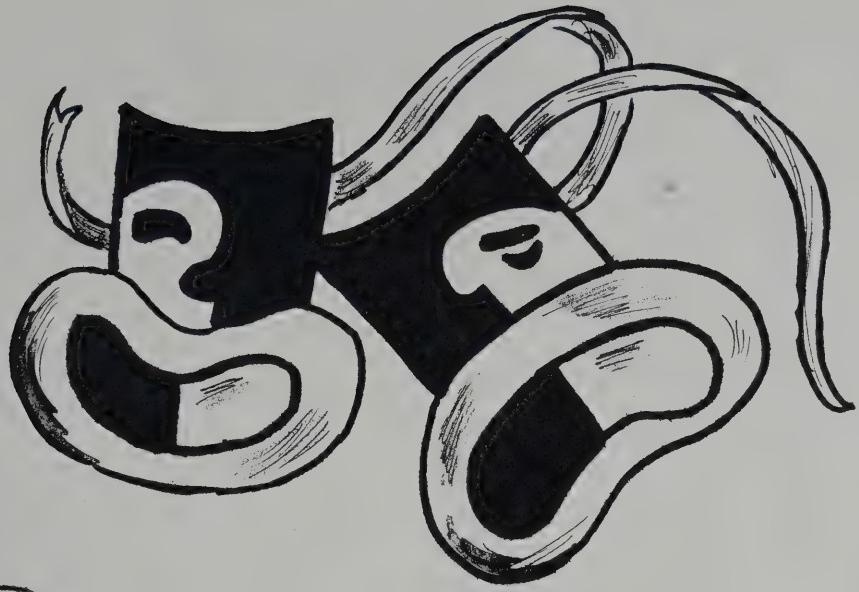
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Nancy Damon . . . . .	Secretary
Shirley Smith. . . . .	Treasurer

Left to right: N. Damon, S. Smith, R. Flagg. Seated: R. Doherty





# *Activities*



## STUDENT COUNCIL

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CLUB

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2ND ROW: M. Shanahan, V. Clements, C. Card, J. Kelley, D. Hoyt, C. Donovan. 3RD ROW: N. Strom, G. Pike.





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Frohock, R. Dennis, Advisor. 2ND ROW: E. Johanson, J. Gardener, K. Cutler, E. Tingley, D. Peck, P. CLUB  
Schofield, P. Pritchard, J. Kelliher.

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CLUB Crawford, S. Cassana. 2ND ROW: B. LaFerriere, S. Dunlap, R. Laubinger, R. Nadolny, D. Johnson, J.  
Spillane, J. Franey. 3RD ROW: E. Bettincourt, D. McDonough, G. Gervais, W. Burns.





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**HOME  
ECONOMICS  
CLUB**





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BOYS'  
COOKING

ART  
CLUB

1ST ROW, left to right: F. Ashworth, J. Soper, N. Piper, M. Johnson, S. Meserve, N. Johnson, S. David, B. Monahan, S. Johnson, L. Tyni. 2ND ROW: S. Shannon, J. Bean, R. Taylor, L. Tower, E. Reiss, J. Freeman, C. Doherty, M. Pratt, J. Hutcheon, C. Westberg, D. Firs, C. Thompson. 3RD ROW: J. Hanson, J. Dalton, M. Sampson, A. Pfyffer, J. Gardener, C. Omar, W. Stephenson, F. Badger, M. Bush, B. Tirrell, J. McLellan.





PEN PAL  
CLUB

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BOYS'  
CHORAL  
GROUP





GIRLS'  
GLEE  
CLUB

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Donald Leach, Advisor

THE  
BAND



G. A. A.



1ST ROW left to right: B. Bowser, J. Hall, N. Piper, M. Cole, M. Cummings, advisor. 2ND ROW: J. Lydon, J. Alesio, A. Jenks, N. Cole.

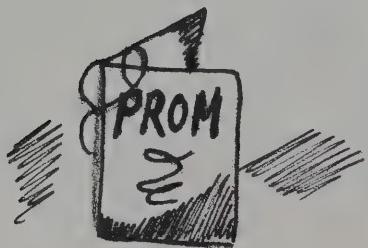
Left to right: T. Bowser, J. Alesio, P. Smith, J. Patten, A. Jenks, S. Kelly, P. Hoyt, C. Olson. KNEELING: N. Piper, J. Lydon, Co-captains.



CHEER -  
LEADERS



*Events*





## Class Play



Left to right: D. Johnson, M. Dalton, N. Collingwood, N. Piper, C. Davis, B. Chapman, W. Richards, D. Hoyt, G. Fliege, V. Clements, L. Anderson, M. Pratt, J. Ashworth, J. Edwards.



The Palmer Family. Left to right, SEATED: B. Chapman, W. Richards. STANDING: L. Anderson, N. Piper, D. Hoyt.



Left to right: L. Anderson, N. Piper, D. Hoyt.



The director, Maida Perry Arnold, giving some advice to the cast.



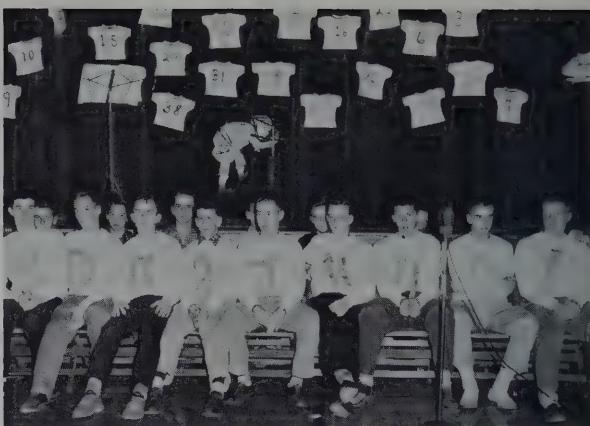
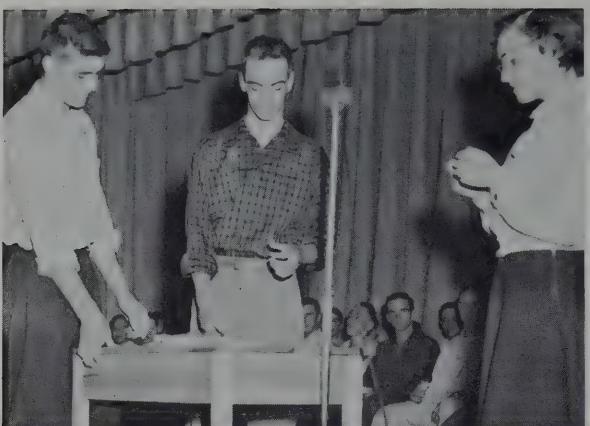
Left to right: M. Pratt, B. Chapman, D. Hoyt, V. Clements, J. Edwards, N. Piper.



The Fight



Mr. and Mrs. Palmer. Left to right: B. Chapman, B. Richards.







Miss Gorman and one of her French classes.



Home Economics class.



A Typing class.



A Biology class.



The lunch line.

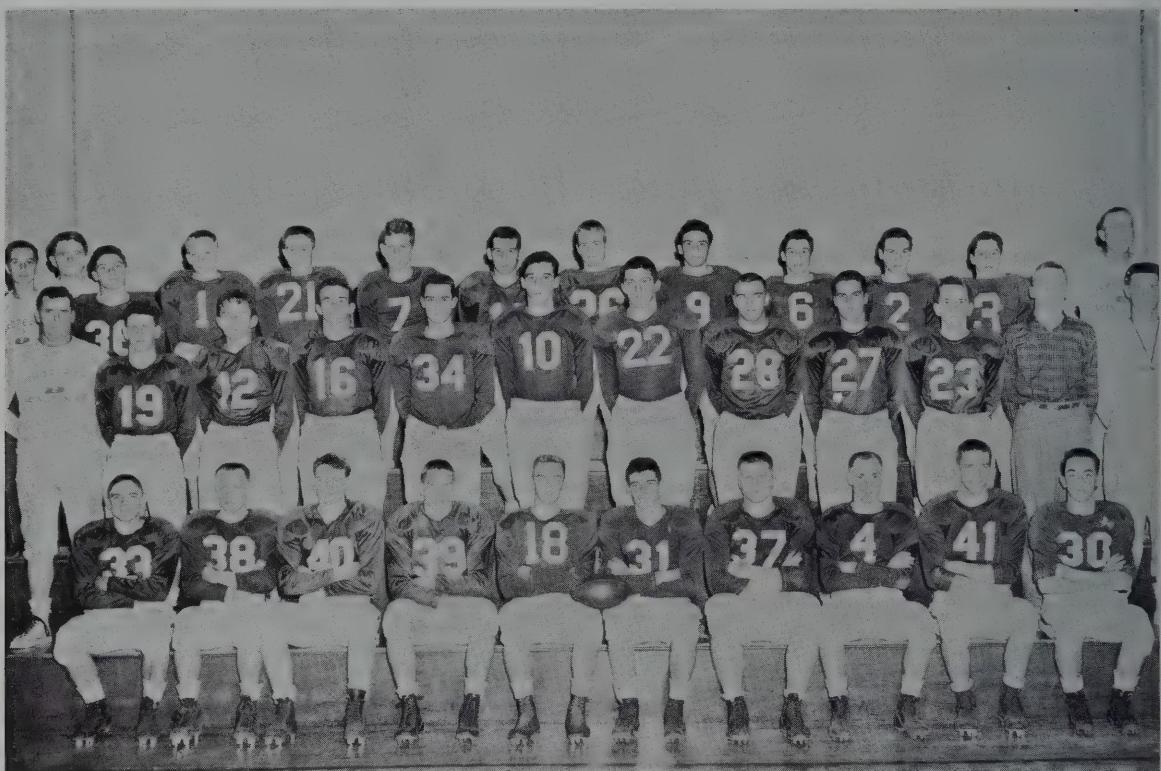


Eating lunch.



*Sports*

# THE GREEN WAVE



1ST ROW, left to right: D. Cororan, M. Peterson, T. Ashton, D. D. Johnson, W. Valentine, M. Harlowe, P. Linquist, R. Wight, R. Risberg, R. Sylvester. 2ND ROW: R. O'Connell, Coach; R. Brown, J. Reilly, C. Davis, J. Ashworth, R. Nadonly, R. Stimpson, R. Laubinger, P. Holbrook, J. Corliss, M. Maney, W. Pasztuszak, Coach. 3RD ROW: R. Franey, Manager; S. Dunlap, Manager; R. Boynton, R. Reynolds, J. Winders, D. Mc Iver, P. Badger, B. MacPherson, V. Celino, J. Forrand, J. Nero, R. Burns, J. Kelly, Coach.

## SCOREBOARD

ABINGTON	0	HINGHAM	19
ABINGTON	13	BRIDGEWATER	20
ABINGTON	13	PLYMOUTH	6
ABINGTON	21	MIDDLEBORO	7
ABINGTON	0	ROCKLAND	7
ABINGTON	19	CANTON	13
ABINGTON	28	RANDOLPH	0
ABINGTON	0	WHITMAN	25



Left to right: W. Pastuszak, W. Balentine, M. Harlow, J. Kelly.



Coach Pastuszak (left) talking to his quarterback, Jack Reilly.



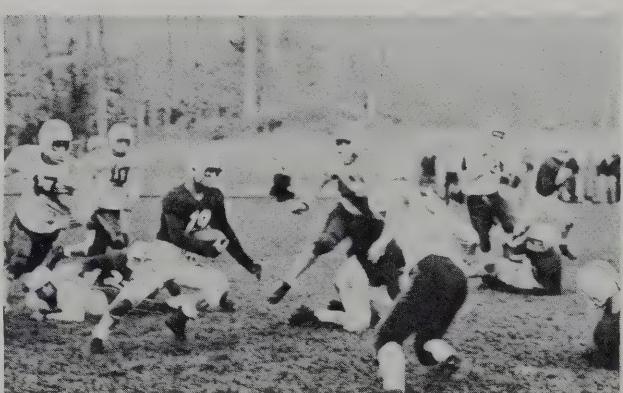
Rick Brown carrying the ball.



Dave Corcoran (33) being stopped.



Dick Wight being tackled.



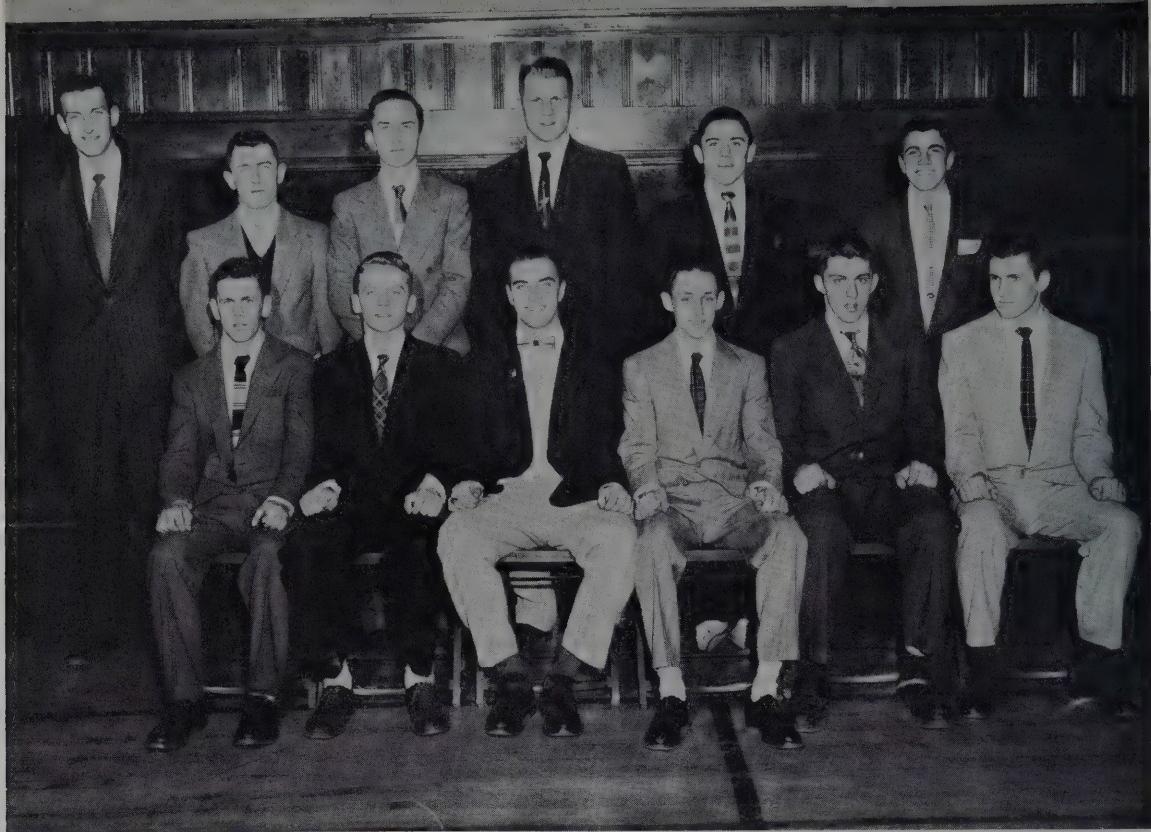
Rick Brown (19) carrying the ball.



A defensive play.



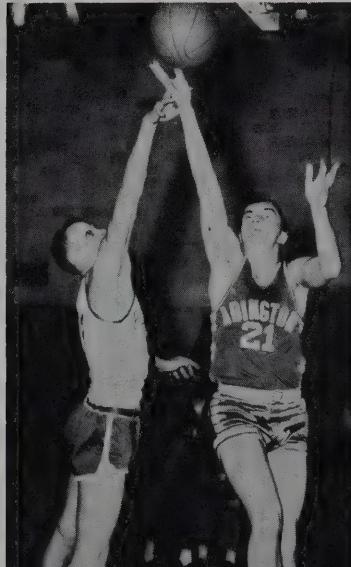
Last minute conference.



1ST ROW, left to right: R. Brown, M. Maney, Co-captains R. Laubinger and R. Briggs, R. Stimpson, B. LaFerriere, Manager. 2ND ROW: T. Divoll, Coach; D. Bean, J. Reilly, P. Linquist, D. Corcoran, J. Dennis.

#### SCOREBOARD

Alumni	36	Abington	52	Wareham	62	Abington	46
Hanover	32	Abington	56	Rockland	68	Abington	69
Hanover	48	Abington	70	Middleboro	53	Abington	67
Oliver Ames	69	Abington	53	Hingham	58	Abington	65
Randolph	63	Abington	52	Silver Lake	67	Abington	66
Middleboro	72	Abington	73	Plymouth	59	Abington	60
Hingham	77	Abington	60	Whitman	81	Abington	56
Silver Lake	50	Abington	43	Wareham	45	Abington	38
Plymouth	88	Abington	62	Rockland	67	Abington	56
Whitman	57	Abington	62	Randolph	51	Abington	69



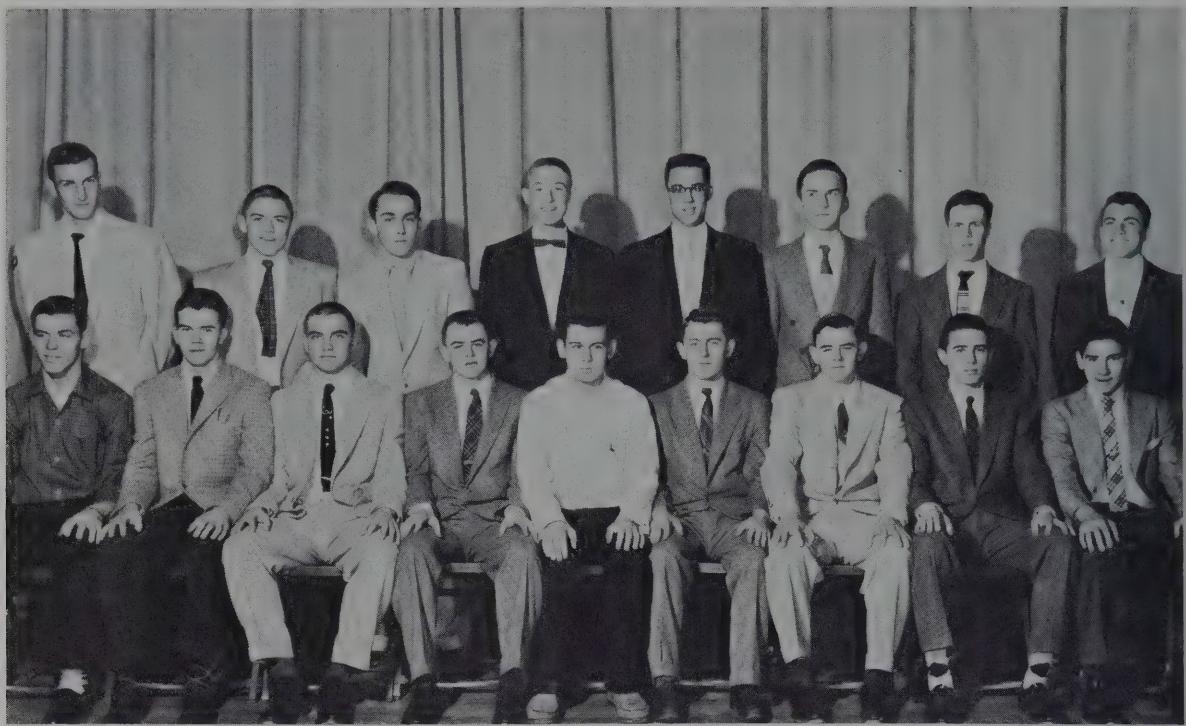


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#### SCOREBOARD

Alumni	30	Abington	62	Whitman	32	Abington	47
Bridgewater	47	Abington	69	Whitman	33	Abington	46
Rockland	29	Abington	42	Rockland	49	Abington	41
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### TRACK

1ST ROW, left to right: R. Risberg, H. Small, R. Laubinger, R. Swan, P. Badger, D. Bean, C. Swan, R. Nash, D. Carmichael. 2ND ROW: T. Divoll, coach; D. Corcoran, R. Sylvester, N. Collingwood, J. Ashworth, J. Reilly, R. Brown, J. Dennis.



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1ST ROW, left to right: J. Lydon, M. Shannahan, M. Ewell, J. Kelley, C. Shanks, T. Bowser, D. Henrickson. 2ND ROW: B. Berry, M. Bush, J. Alesio, E. Christianson, J. Hall, B. Bowser.



Left to right: J. Patten, M. Cummings, coach; M. Ewell.



Attempting a goal.



Afternoon practice.



Miss Cummings, giving instructions.

## CLASS HISTORY

In September, 1951, the seventh graders from Centre, North, and West Abington, along with the others who did not come from anywhere in particular, assembled in the auditorium of this establishment for the furtherance of knowledge for its inhabitants, to form the illustrious, fiery, genteel, ambitious, talented, comical, outstanding, never to be forgotton, Class of 1956.

The characters, and I mean characters, who were chosen to lead this dramatic group were: Richard DeCoste, President; Judy Lydon, Vice President; Nancy Cole, Secretary; and Richard Briggs, Treasurer.

September, 1952, saw the beginning of school and the arrival of the new Freshman Class. Its officers were Richard Wight, President; Judy Lydon, Vice President; Nancy Piper, Secretary; and Jean Patten, Treasurer.

For the first three or four weeks the ancient history classes were in a state of awe, wondering about the new teacher, who, by the way, was still at Camp Drum. With the arrival of Mr., now Professor, George A. Panichas, the whole school went into an uproar. Most Abingtonians, sheltered from the outside world, had never met a "walking library." We just could not understand how all that knowledge could be held in one head. School expenses rose at that time, too, due to a mysterious destruction of rulers, yardsticks, and pointers.

The annual Freshman Frolic took place on Valentine's Day. Because neither Whitman nor Rockland were holding dances that night, there was a good crowd, the profit of \$70 setting a record.

In the spring of 1953, the people of Abington suffered a great loss with the passing of Mr. Charles M. Frolio, our principal. Although we had known him only a short time we valued highly his friendship.

The Class of 1956 returned to Abington High in September, 1953, to begin their Sophomore year. Once again this unusual group elected four upright, outstanding leaders from the list of candidates. They were: Charles Richard Davis, better known as "Chink," President; David Lee "No girl will ever get my ring" Johnson, as Vice President; Nancy Jayne Piper, a reknowned long-hair lover, as Secretary; and Richard Stanley "Honest Briggsie" Briggs, Treasurer.

With the opening of school, came a new principal, Mr. Haskell, who was well liked by all the students.

Then in biology class, which had become compulsory, we began hearing about Mr. Gregory's pride and joy, the Science Fair. That was the year he began his voluntary method of conscripting contestants -- do a project or flunk! By April 9th, he was so proud that the buttons were popping off his shirt, because all three grand prize winners were Sophomores! The lucky people were as follows: Nancy Piper, Richard DeCoste and David Bean, and Skip Collingwood and Bird Ashworth.

The annual Sophomore Hop was a sock hop held in February. This was the dance to which almost every sophomore went stag!

The site of our class outing was Morton's Park, in Plymouth. The most exciting event of all was Bird's attempt to swan dive into three feet of water. His reward for that act of bravery was a broken nose! Of course, that was only about the third time in a year that he had broken his nose. This outing was the wettest of all, because, in addition to the actual swimming, we had a "throwing Mazola and sun tan lotion at each other" party. Remember, Russ?

We were finally over the hump. Upon our return in the fall we would be upperclassmen. What a feeling!

Now we were nearing the top, for upon our return to A. H. S. in the fall of 1954, we were Juniors. As upperclassmen, we started off with a bang by electing Dave Johnson, President; Charlie Davis, Vice President; Nancy Piper, Secretary; and Dickie Briggs, Treasurer. The students were blessed that year with a new principal, Dr. Robert E. Hansen who was to remain with us for a period of a year and a half.

This was the year our football team had the glorious distinction of beating Rockland High 13-7.

Since we were a very ambitious class, we immediately started planning our Junior Prom. The decorations and planning were under the direction of Nancy Piper. Mr. "G" suggested "Evening in Paris" for the theme. As the theme sounded lavish, so were we; we spent almost as much money on decorations as we made on the dance. The queen of the prom was Sheila Kelly. Her dashing king was Russ Laubinger. Being an extravagant class we went to Cain's Restaurant. There were two mishaps that evening: Dave Bean found he had a flat tire, and leaving Cain's Charlie Davis's car would not start. Helpful Jim Spillane pushed the car, but to no avail. As a result, Charlie and Jerry went with Jim and his date.

The Seniors were finally leaving A. H. S. The Juniors were "hepped up," because the next year we would be Seniors. On the day of graduation Charlie Davis, driving Charlie Hohman's truck, knocked down a telephone pole and completely demolished the truck.

One of our beloved teachers, Miss Bessis Hart, was leaving us. As she was very fond of the Junior Class, we held a party on the last day of school. Dave Johnson presented her with a beautiful locket.

In planning the class outing, the Juniors decided to go in cars instead of a bus. Because everyone went to a different beach, the excursion was a bit of a flop.

In September, 1955, we had reached our goal -- Seniors at last. Class officers were: Dave Johnson, President; Dave Bean, Vice President; Nancy Piper, Secretary; and Dick Briggs, Treasurer.

At the first meeting, the VOLUNTARY Physics Club undertook the chore of electing officers. In the election of president, everyone voted for himself, except four students who decided to vote for somebody else, with the result that Yogurt Anderson was chosen president. For the office of vice president, Mr. Gregory won almost unanimously. Three or four banded together to elect Dave Bean. For the office of secretary, it was neck and neck between Nancy Cole and Frank Whiting. Nancy Cole was the victor. In the race for treasurer, dizzy, dawdling, deft, diabolic, dextrous, dilly-dallying, dynamic, debonair, drowsy, dazzling, decadent, daffy, dense, delirious, doodling, Duffo McDonough won in a landslide.

Abington High said hello to four new teachers, Mr. John McCue, Mr. James Trefry, Miss Judith Mahoney, and Mrs. Alice Trask.

Rockland thought they were smart by taking one leg of our goal posts away. We had to think of a way to get back at them. So-o-o some genius decided that we should tear down their whole goal posts. The Tuesday of that week, thirty-five boys met in front of Owen's with four cars. With pipe cutters they charged over to Rockland and cut down their goal posts, leaving only two stumps in the ground. They returned to a classmate's gas station and divided the posts into four-inch pieces, which were distributed throughout school.

The cheerleaders sponsored a dance in honor of Mike Harlow, who was leaving us. He was presented a trophy and a wallet. The whole school was disappointed, because it was losing such a fine student and outstanding athlete.

Two days after Thanksgiving, the Abington Alumni Association held a meeting and a dance at which they honored Miss Annie A. Chadbourne and Miss Alice Gorman, who were presented bouquets of flowers by the student body.

Because the Seniors had no Thanksgiving Dance, a Winter Carnival was held on January 21, 1956. Snowflakes, balloons, and winter scenes delightfully decorated the auditorium. Mr. Gianoulis and Helen, his fiancee, were chaperons. The orchestra, the Lucky Stars, chose Mary Jane MacLaren as queen. Her king was "Panicky" Baker. Unable to find a place to eat, the Senior group separated and finally ended up at various Howard Johnsons'.

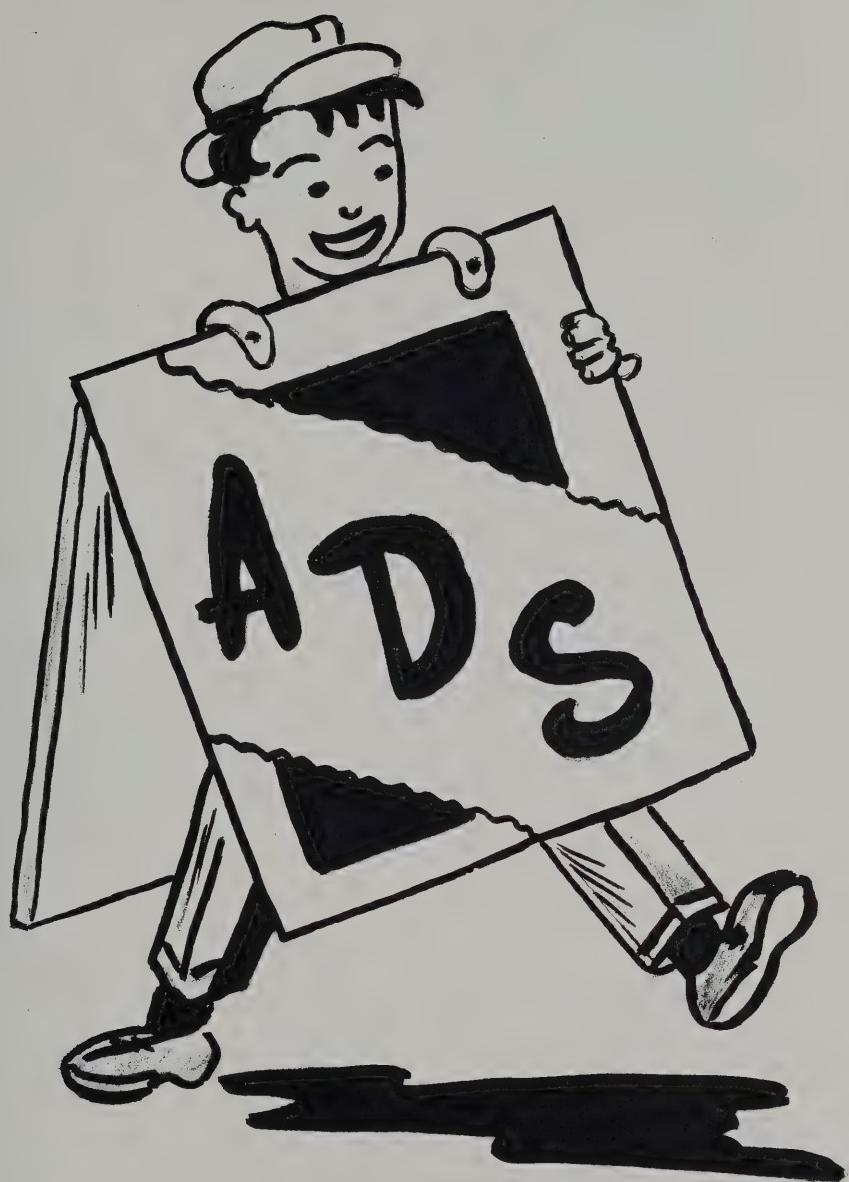
The Class of 1956 presented its play, "Turn Back the Clock," on March 16th. Leads in the play were Diane Hoyt and Bill Richards. Others in the cast were Bev Chapman, Sheila Kelly, Meriel Pratt, Nancy Piper, Jean Edwards, Maureen Dalton, Ginny Clements, Gerhard Fliege, Charlie Davis, Skip Collingwood, Bird Ashworth, Larry Anderson, Dave Johnson; prompter, Jean Patten; prop managers, Audrey Jenks and Nancy Cole; and stage managers Steve Dunlap and Russ Laubinger.

Throughout the school year, the yearbook staff was working feverishly to send out the contents in time to be printed. This select group spent many months in preparing the best yearbook Abington has ever seen! Under the very able direction of Dick DeCoste, the staff consisting of Dave Bean, Claire Doherty, Judy Lydon, Nancy Cole and Nancy Piper, with the help of their various committees, did a wonderful piece of work.

With Class Day, Graduation, and Reception, we have come to the end of our stay at Abington High School. The world is ours now. Walking into the future through those old familiar doors, we will carry with us the wonderful memories of the years that the class of 1956 spent together.

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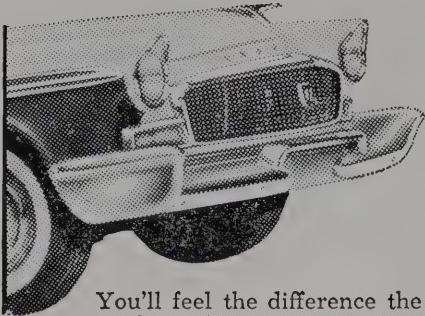
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